Homework3: Solution

Problem-1:

Suppose two packets arrive to two different input ports of a router at exactly the same time. Also suppose there are no other packets anywhere in the router.

a. Suppose the two packets are to be forwarded to two *different* output ports. Is it possible to forward the two packets through the switch fabric at the same time when the fabric uses a *shared bus*?

b. Suppose the two packets are to be forwarded to two *different* output ports. Is it possible to forward the two packets through the switch fabric at the same time when the fabric uses a *crossbar*?

c. Suppose the two packets are to be forwarded to the *same* output port. Is it possible to forward the two packets through the switch fabric at the same time when the fabric uses a *crossbar*?

Solution-1

a) No, you can only transmit one packet at a time over a shared bus.

b) Yes, as discussed in the text, as long as the two packets use different input busses and different output busses, they can be forwarded in parallel.

c) No, in this case the two packets would have to be sent over the same output bus at the same time, which is not possible.

Problem-2:

Consider a datagram network using 8-bit host addresses. Suppose a router uses longest prefix matching and has the following forwarding table:

Prefix Match	Interface
1	0
10	1
111	2
otherwise	3

For each of the four interfaces, give the associated range of destination host addresses and the number of addresses in the range.

Solution-2:

Destination Address Range	Link Interface
11000000 through (32 addresses) 11011111	0
10000000 through(64 addresses) 10111111	1
11100000 through (32 addresses) 11111111	2
00000000 through (128 addresses) 01111111	3

Problem-3:

Consider sending a 2400-byte datagram into a link that has an MTU of 700 bytes. Suppose the original datagram is stamped with the identification number 422. How many fragments are generated? What are the values in the various fields in the IP datagram(s) generated related to fragmentation?

Solution-3:

The maximum size of data field in each fragment = 680 (because there are 20 bytes IP header).

Thus the number of required fragments $= \left\lceil \frac{2400-20}{680} \right\rceil = 4$

Each fragment will have Identification number 422. Each fragment except the last one will be of size 700 bytes (including IP header). The last datagram will be of size 360 bytes (including IP header). The offsets of the 4 fragments will be 0, 85, 170, 255. Each of the first 3 fragments will have flag=1; the last fragment will have flag=0.

Problem-4:

Suppose datagrams are limited to 1,500 bytes (including header) between source Host A and destination Host B. Assuming a 20-byte IP header, how many datagrams would be required to send an MP3 consisting of 5 million bytes? Explain how you computed your answer.

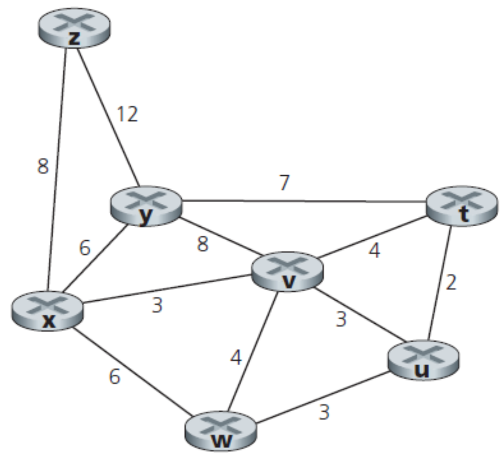
Solution-4:

MP3 file size = 5 million bytes. Assume the data is carried in TCP segments, with each TCP segment also having 20 bytes of header. Then each datagram can carry 1500-40=1460 bytes of the MP3 file

Number of datagrams required $= \left\lceil \frac{5 \times 10^6}{1460} \right\rceil = 3425$. All but the last datagram will be 1,500 bytes; the last datagram will be 960+40 = 1000 bytes. Note that here there is no fragmentation – the source host does not create datagrams larger than 1500 bytes, and these datagrams are smaller than the MTUs of the links.

Problem-5:

Consider the following network. With the indicated link costs, use Dijkstra's shortest-path algorithm to compute the shortest path from *x* to all network nodes.



Solution-6:

Step	*N'*	*D(t),p(t)*	*D(u),p(u)*	*D(v),p(v)*	*D(w),p(w)*	*D(y),p(y)*	*D(z),p(z)*
0	x	∞	∞	3,x	6,x	6,x	8,x
1	xv	7,v	6,v	3,x	6,x	6,x	8,x
2	xvu	7,v	6,v	3,x	6,x	6,x	8,x
3	xvuw	7,v	6,v	3,x	6,x	6,x	8,x
4	xvuwy	7,v	6,v	3,x	6,x	6,x	8,x
5	xvuwyt	7,v	6,v	3,x	6,x	6,x	8,x
6	xvuwytz	7,v	6,v	3,x	6,x	6,x	8,x